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**Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting  
April 13, 2016  
8:30 a.m.  
Room 110 - Blatt Building**

### **Archived Video**

- I. You may access an archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and click on "Committee Postings and Reports," then under House Standing Committees click on "Legislative Oversight." Lastly, click on "Video Archives" for a listing of archived videos for the Legislative Oversight Committee.

### **Attendance**

- I. The House Legislative Oversight Committee (Committee) was called to order by Chairman Wm. Weston J. Newton on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. He noted that after the last early morning meeting, input was sought from committee members about the meeting times, and a plurality indicated a preference for Wednesday mornings.
- II. All Committee members were present for all or part of the meeting unless otherwise noted. The following had notified the Committee that they were unable to attend: Representative Mia S. McLeod and Representative Robert Q. Williams.

### **Minutes**

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires the standing committees of the House to prepare and make available for public inspection, in compliance with Section 30-4-90, the minutes of full committee meetings. House Rule 4.5 further provides that such minutes need not be verbatim accounts of such meetings.

- II. Representative Ballentine moved to approve the minutes from the Committee’s previous meeting, which was held on March 9, 2016. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

<b>Rep. Ballentine’s Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Committee’s Meeting on January 28, 2016:</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Not Voting</b>
Nathan Ballentine	✓		
William K. “Bill” Bowers			✓
Gary E. Clary	✓		
Raye Felder	✓		
Kirkman Finlay, III	✓		
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓		
Phyllis Henderson	✓		
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓		
Mia S. McLeod			✓
Walton J. McLeod			✓
Ralph W. Norman	✓		
Joshua A. Putnam	✓		
Robert L. Ridgeway, III			✓
Samuel Rivers, Jr.	✓		
James E. Smith, Jr.			✓
Tommy M. Stringer	✓		
Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon	✓		
Bill Taylor	✓		
Robert Q. Williams			✓
Wm. Weston J. Newton			Abstention

Chairman Newton requested to be noted as abstaining from the vote on the minutes from the previous meeting as he was not present at the previous meeting.

**Further Discussion of Studies Presented at the March 9, 2016, Meeting**

- I. The next order of business was discussion of the studies presented at the March 9, 2016, meeting. Chairman Newton explained that, in regards to the study, the full committee could (1) refer a study back to the Ad Hoc Committee; (2) approve a study; or (3) choose to do further evaluation of the agency.
- II. Representative Clary moved to approve the Ad Hoc Committee’s study of state agencies’ relationship with, funding of, and other activities relating to Planned Parenthood facilities and other abortion providers in South Carolina. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

<b>Rep. Clary's Motion to Approve the Ad Hoc Committee's study:</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Not Voting</b>
Nathan Ballentine	✓		
William K. "Bill" Bowers	✓		
Gary E. Clary	✓		
Raye Felder	✓		
Kirkman Finlay, III	✓		
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓		
Phyllis Henderson	✓		
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓		
Mia S. McLeod			✓
Walton J. McLeod	✓		
Ralph W. Norman	✓		
Joshua A. Putnam	✓		
Robert L. Ridgeway, III			✓
Samuel Rivers, Jr.			✓
James E. Smith, Jr.	✓		
Tommy M. Stringer	✓		
Edward R. "Eddie" Tallon	✓		
Bill Taylor	✓		
Robert Q. Williams			✓
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓		

The study is available online.

- III. Representative Norman moved to approve the Healthcare Subcommittee's study of the Department of Social Services. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

<b>Rep. Norman's Motion to Approve the Healthcare Subcommittee's study of DSS:</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Not Voting</b>
Nathan Ballentine	✓		
William K. "Bill" Bowers	✓		
Gary E. Clary	✓		
Raye Felder	✓		
Kirkman Finlay, III	✓		
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓		
Phyllis Henderson	✓		
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓		
Mia S. McLeod			✓
Walton J. McLeod	✓		
Ralph W. Norman	✓		
Joshua A. Putnam	✓		
Robert L. Ridgeway, III			✓
Samuel Rivers, Jr.	✓		
James E. Smith, Jr.	✓		
Tommy M. Stringer	✓		
Edward R. "Eddie" Tallon	✓		
Bill Taylor	✓		
Robert Q. Williams			✓
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓		

The study is available online.

**Item for Discussion and Receipt of Information Only**

- I. The next item of business was discussion and receipt of information about the Education and Cultural Subcommittee's study of First Steps to School Readiness. The Education and Cultural Subcommittee consists of Representative Clary, Representative Jefferson, Representative Stringer, and Representative Smith who serves as chair.

On April 12, 2016, Representative Smith provided notification that a study of First Steps to School Readiness was available for consideration by the full committee. Representative Smith provided an overview of the subcommittee's study. Topics addressed include: the number of families served; the statewide readiness assessment; performance of First Steps programs at both the state and local levels; agency finances; private and public 4K program performance and needs; and agency recommendations for changes to the law. Representative Smith noted that the recommendations were adopted in concept and requested the full committee consider them in concept as well. The Subcommittee study, which includes a summary of these recommendations, is available online.

Representative Smith answered questions from various members. The following members had questions or comments about the BabyNet program, South Carolina's interagency early invention system for infants and toddlers under three years of age with developmental delays, or who have conditions associated with developmental delays: Representative Funderburk; Representative Clary;

Representative Putnam; Representative Walt McLeod; Representative Felder; and Representative Finlay. Representative Smith asked that staff provide the full committee with materials relating to BabyNet. Chairman Newton had questions about assessment tools relating to First Steps which were addressed by Representative Smith and Representative Stringer.

### **Discussion of Administrative Matters**

- I. The next item of business was discussion of administrative matters. There was a brief discussion on the status of oversight studies and post study evaluation surveys to agencies.

Chairman Newton informed the committee that the 2016 Annual Restructuring Reports from agencies had been placed online. Also, posted online is a list of those agencies that did and did not provide restructuring recommendations. Chairman Newton noted the valuable feedback received from agencies about these reports and noted the committee's ongoing efforts to work with the Executive Budget Office, which included discussion of possibly expanding the annual accountability report to obtain information of interest to the committee.

Additionally, Chairman Newton noted that the subcommittees have, or will hold in April, entry meeting with the next five agencies identified for study: Department of Agriculture, Department of Health and Environmental Control; Law Enforcement Training Council/Criminal Justice Academy; Department of Archives and History; and the Retirement System Investment Commission. Also, it was noted that the committee will solicit input from the public about these agencies through a public survey available in the month of May. Additionally, in the month of May, these five agencies will receive program evaluation report guidelines.

### **Adjournment**

- I. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.